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Blacks & Latinos more than Twice as Likely as Anglos to live in low opportunity, high poverty Austin neighborhoods, according to the just released “The Geography of Opportunity in Austin and How It Is Changing” report

AUSTIN – 05/0x/13: Green Doors and the Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity have released *The Geography of Opportunity in Austin and How It Is Changing*, an in-depth analysis of the geographic footprint of opportunity, or the lack thereof, in our community in terms of education, housing, economics, health, and environment.

Despite the robust socio-economic growth of the greater Austin area, all boats are not rising. The Austin metro area is becoming more and more a tale of two cities – the Haves and Haves Not A Lot at All. Key findings from the analysis include:

- **Strong Negative Correlation between Race & Opportunity.** African Americans and Latinos are geographically isolated from higher opportunity neighborhoods in the Austin area. 59% and 62% of African Americans and Latinos, respectively, live in low opportunity neighborhoods in the Austin area, compared to only 26% of Anglos. **In short, African Americans and Latinos are more than twice as likely as Anglos to live in low opportunity neighborhoods.**
- **Latinos Segregated from Opportunity.** Latinos, the largest minority population in the region (31% of the population), are highly concentrated in neighborhoods of low opportunity (62% of Latino households vs. 26% of white households). This is especially acute for Latino children throughout the region and educational opportunity. 63% of Latino children attend schools in low educational opportunity neighborhoods vs. 20% of white children.
- **Affordable Housing Highly Concentrated in Low Opportunity Neighborhoods.** The vast majority (79%) of subsidized affordable housing is located in low opportunity neighborhoods. And only 8% of subsidized affordable housing is located in high opportunity neighborhoods.

To download a full copy of the report, as well as the executive summary, visit: www.greendoors.org. The full report provides a detailed description of the opportunity mapping methodology and data sources, as well as additional opportunity analysis. It also contains opportunity maps demonstrate visually the stark divide in opportunities for different groups of people in our community.

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About Green Doors: Green Doors is a Central Texas non-profit housing organization focused on increasing opportunity for our community's most vulnerable. We accomplish this by: creating affordable, safe, quality housing; providing residents with access to supportive services; and educating about, and advocating for, individuals and families struggling with homelessness and at-risk for homelessness. Green Doors is dedicated to the proposition that everyone -- whether a child or adult, disabled or not, man or woman -- should have access to stable housing. Our vision is that one day all Central Texas families and individuals will have the opportunity to live in affordable, safe, quality housing. We are committed to substantially increasing neighborhood wellness in historically blighted areas of Austin and ensuring that all members of our community are valued and treated with human dignity.

About Kirwan Institute: The Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity works to deepen understanding of the causes of—and solutions to—racial and ethnic disparities worldwide and to bring about a society that is fair and just for all people. Kirwan Institute research is designed to be actively used to solve problems in society. Its research and staff expertise are shared through an extensive network of colleagues and partners—ranging from other researchers, grassroots social justice advocates, policymakers, and community leaders nationally and globally, who can quickly put ideas into action.